



Authenticate Salvation from 1 John: Twelve Tests of Salvation



Some Lost People Appear Saved

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1 John 2:19

- They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.



John heard Jesus say,

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“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Mt. 16:26, Mk. 8:36, Lk. 9:25



John Heard Jesus say,

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- Verily [truly], verily [truly], I say unto you, He that **heareth my word, and believeth** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life,
- and shall not come into condemnation [condemning judgment]; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24



John 3:16

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- For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life.



Assurance of Salvation

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1 John 5:13

- These things have I written unto you that **believe on the name of the Son of God**; that ye may know that ye have eternal life,
- and that ye may **believe on the name of the Son of God.**



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1 John 3:19–20

- And [by this] hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
- For if our heart condemn us, **God is greater than our heart**, and knoweth all things.



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All kinds of belief are not all authentic belief.

This is why we need the test of our belief the Apostle John provides.



1 John 2:23

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- Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

There is no salvation outside of Christ.



1 John 5:1

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- Whosoever **believeth that Jesus is the Christ** is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

**Authentic Christians believe that
Jesus is the Christ!**



Jesus the Christ



- Person
 - Deity
 - (Son of God, the Righteous, I and the Father are One)
 - Humanity
 - (Word was made flesh; Come in the Flesh; of Nazareth)
- Work
 - Prophet (that Prophet; Rabbi)
 - Priest (Savior, advocate, propitiation)
 - King (Lord, King of Israel)



1 John 5:1

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- Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is **born of God**: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

**Authentic Christians
have been born again!
They haven't always been
Christians.**



1 John 5:1

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- Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat [The Father] loveth him also that is begotten of him.

**Authentic Christians believe that
God the Father sent His only
begotten Son to this earth.**



1 John 4:2

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- [By this] Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

Authentic Christians believe in the incarnation of Jesus Christ.



The Promise



- 1 John 2:25
 - And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life.

Authentic Christians are trusting in a promise from the Father to the Son and not anything they have done or are doing.



1 John 2:1



- My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Authentic Christians are trusting in Christ's intercessory work before the Father on their behalf.



1 John 2:2

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- And he is **the propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Authentic Christians are trusting in atoning work of Christ on the cross for the payment of their sin debt.



1 John 2:17

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- but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

**Authentic BELIEF always results in
changing behavior.**



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12 Tests of Salvation from 1 John

Nothing Hereafter Saves YOU!

**These are ways to examine
yourself.**



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1) Have you enjoyed fellowship
with Christ and the Father?

1 John 1:2-3



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2) Are you sensitive to sin?

1 John 1:5-6



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3) Do you confess sin without prompting by someone else?

1 John 1:9



4) Do you obey the Word of
God?

1 John 2:3



1 John 2:4

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- He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.



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5) Do you love this evil world?

1 John 2:15



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6) Are you eager about Christ's return?

1 John 3:2-3



Philippians 3:20-21



- For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
- Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.



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7) Do you see a decreasing pattern of sin in your life?

1 John 3:4-10



1 John 3:8

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- He that [makes a practice] committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.
- For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.



1 John 3:9

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- Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
- No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.



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8) Do you love other Christians?

1 John 3:10b; 1 John 3:14



1 John 3:14

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- **We know** that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love** the brethren.
- He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.



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9) Do you experience answers to prayer?

1 John 3:22



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10) Do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?

1 John 4:13



Ephesians 1:13

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- In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,



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11) Can you discern between spiritual truth and error?

Can you tell when someone is presenting false teaching about the Person and Work of Jesus Christ?



1 John 4:1-3

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- Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 **Hereby know** ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.



12) Have you suffered rejection because of your faith in Christ?

1 John 3:13